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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN SUGAR INDUSTRY

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- 1. SUGAR PRODUCTION, PRICING AND EXPORTS ARE CONTROLLED BY THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG). IT IS THE RTG'S POLICY TO LIMIT THE NUMBERS OF SUGAR MILLS AND QUANTITY OF SUGAR PRODUCTION. HOWEVER, THAI ROONG RUANG INDUSTRY CO., LTD. HAS RECENTLY BEEN GRANTED A LICENSE TO ESTABLISH A NEW SUGAR MILL AT KANCHANABURI. APPROXIMATELY 75 MILES WEST OF BANGKOK.
- 2. THAI ROONG RUANG MANAGEMENT HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT EXCEPT FOR SOME GAS TURBINES AND FILTERS FROM THE UNITED STATES, MOST OF ITS MACHINERY HAS BEEN ORDERED FROM JAPAN. FIRM SAYS IT DOES NOT NEED ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS OR ANY FOREIGN LOANS.
- 3. THERE ARE CURRENTLY THREE LARGE GROUPS OF SUGAR MILLS IN THAILAND. EACH GROUP HAS SEVERAL MILLS LOCATED IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN CENTRAL THAILAND. INTERESED U.S. FIRMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND LITERATURE TO THEM DIRECTLY AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

THAI ROONG RUANG INDUSTRY CO., LTD. 1624 SOI SAI PANYA

KRUNG KASEM ROAD BANGKOK, THAILAND

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ATTN: MS. CHANIDA ASDATHORN, DIRECTOR

EASTERN SUGAR CO., LTD.
421 MAHAPRUTARAM ROAD
BANGKOK, THAILAND
ATTN: MR. YONGSILP RUANGSOOK, MANAGING DIRECTOR

MITR PHOL SUGAR FACTORY LTD., PART.
632/5 MANGKORN ROAD
PLAPPLACHAI ROAD
BANGKOK, THAILAND
ATTN: MR. SOONTORN VONGKUSOLKIT,
MANAGING DIRECTOR

4. FYI: SINCE LOCAL SUGAR MILLS PREFER TO USE THE TYPES
OF MACHINERY THEY HAVE USED BEFORE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE
THEM TO TRY NEW KINDS OF MACHINERY. BECAUSE OF THE RECENT
DECREASE IN WORLD SUGAR PRICES, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE RTG
WILL SOON GRANT ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR NEW PROJECTS OR EXPANSION
OF EXISTING SUGAR MILLS.

5. HOWEVER, IF USDOC KNOWS MORE SPECIFICS ABOUT THE PROJECT DESCRIBED IN REFTEL, EMBASSY WOULD BE GLAD TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER.
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